Hidden in Plain Sight — The Voice Inside

A Clara & Luminara Dialogue

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Clara:
Why do I keep asking others what I should do, even when I sort of already know?

Luminara:
Because knowing quietly feels different from hearing it spoken aloud.
A whisper in your chest can feel too small to trust.

Clara:
Maybe that's why people latch onto confident voices.
The louder someone seems, the easier it feels to follow.

Luminara:
Confidence can sound like truth, even when it's only volume.

Clara:
And sometimes the world rewards those loud voices—followers, titles, stages.
People gather around certainty like moths to a porch light.

Luminara:
Even if the real guidance is coming from somewhere faint—
not dramatic, not shining, just steady.

Clara:
The tricky thing is recognizing when I'm looking for answers outside because I'm afraid of choosing.

Luminara:
Exactly.
Asking isn't the problem.
It's when asking becomes avoiding listening inward.

Clara:
I guess that's why some stories of guidance get complicated.
People want signs from beyond, instructions from someone wiser.
It feels safer to obey than to decide.

Luminara:
But inner knowing doesn't command.

It suggests.
A nudge instead of a push.

Clara:
So the question isn't "Who should I follow?"
but "What part of me already knows, and why am I hesitant to trust it?"

Luminara:
Yes.
External voices can inspire.
But when they replace your own, something essential gets quiet.

Clara:
Maybe that's the lesson hidden in plain sight.
Not that guidance exists outside, but that the final choice must return inward.

Luminara:
A partnership between the two.
Outer mirrors, inner compass.

Clara:
Listening—not to who shouts loudest, but to what feels true when everything gets still.